


REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Claims 1, 2, 4-5, 7-10, 20-22, and 24-26 are currently pending in this application. Claims 31, 32, and 34-37 have been cancelled. The Examiner has indicated that each of the remaining pending claims is allowable.

In view of the foregoing, a notice of allowance is respectfully requested. In the event a telephone conversation would expedite the prosecution of this application, the Examiner may reach the undersigned at (408) 774-6921. If any fees are due in connection with the filing of this paper, then the Commissioner is authorized to charge such fees to Deposit Account No. 50-0805 (Order No. ALTEP026). A copy of the transmittal is enclosed for this purpose.

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